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In re application of: David N. Krag

Application No.: 09/815,393

Confirmation No. 5450

Filed: March 22, 2001

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR BRACKETING AND REMOVING TISSUE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F. R. § 1.111 in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. 1.27.  
☒ Applicant has previously claimed small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.  
☒ A Petition for an Extension of Time for 2 months is enclosed.  
☐ A General Authorization Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) is enclosed.  
☒ No additional claim fee is required.  
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SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x 9	\$
x 42	\$
+ 140	\$
	\$205
	\$205

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OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x 18	\$
x 84	\$
+ 280	\$
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EXAMINER: Jessica R. Baxter

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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

The present communication responds to the Office Action dated 18 December 2002 in the above-identified application. In accordance with the revised amendment format requested in *Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted*, 1267 OG 106 (2/25/03), please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 7.

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